

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 17, 21 and 33-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Valent. The Applicant had previously amended the claims to recite determining the offset position before storage of such information on a dedicated track. The Examiner commented that the servo bits of Valent must be somehow determined before storage. The Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly differentiate the invention from the approach described in Valent.

The claims recite a servo controller of the drive that determines position offset information from at least one servo burst and then stores such information on a dedicated track of a disk. Valent does not disclose a drive controller that determines position offset information from at least one servo burst and then stores this information on a dedicated track. Although the servo burst in Valent may be predetermined, there is no disclosure that this predetermination is provided by the controller of the disk drive. It is also not inherent that the drive controller of Valent would perform such a process. It is well known in the art that servo bits are written with external servo writers. Valent does not disclose a disk drive controller that first determines position offset information from at least one servo burst, and then stores this information on a dedicated track of a disk. Valent clearly lacks the second part. For these reasons the Applicant submits that Valent does not anticipate the claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 17, 21, 33 and 34 at an early date is solicited.

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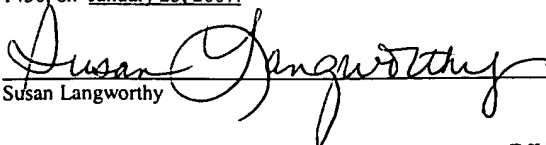
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